

REGULAR MEETING – MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2008
COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT CITY HALL – 500 CASTRO STREET
6:30 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Bruce Karney.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Task Force Steering Committee Members Present: Steven Bishop, Sue Graham, Deb Henigson (6:36 p.m.), Cynthia Kapphahn (6:37 p.m.), Bruce Karney, James Kempf, Aileen La Bouff (6:49 p.m.), Marn Yee Lee, Ignacio Martin-Bragado, Randy Potter and Janis Zinn.

Task Force Steering Committee Members Absent: Yvonne Farrell (excused).

At-Large Members Present: Jennifer Anderson, Mike Balma, John Carpenter, Bruce England, Mark Gilkey, Shirley Ingalls, Twana Karney, Julie Lovins, David Paradise, Elisa Peters and Gary Young.

General Public Present: None.

City Staff Present: Steve Attinger, Environmental Sustainability Coordinator.

3. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Bruce England requested that there be a defined process for editing and reviewing the final report, whether or not a paid editor/consultant is used. He indicated that he is working with Deb Henigson, Marn-Yee Lee and Janis Zinn to include a recommendation for more community water fountains as a way of reducing the need for single-use bottled water.

4. **MINUTES APPROVAL**

Motion—M/S Zinn/Karney—Carried 7-0—Graham abstained; La Bouff, Henigson and Kapphahn absent. Approve the minutes of the June 16, 2008 meeting.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1.A WORKING GROUP PRESENTATION

The Water working group presented its top 10 recommendations.

5.1.B WORKING GROUP PRESENTATION

The Adaptation to Climate Change working group presented its top 10 recommendations.

5.1.C WORKING GROUP PRESENTATION

The Built Environment working group presented its top 10 recommendations.

5.2 GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION REFERENDUM

The Task Force discussed whether to recommend that Council place a greenhouse gas emissions reduction referendum on the November 2008 ballot that mirrors the language of Berkeley's 2006 "Measure G," or if a referendum is impractical or too expensive, conduct a random survey of 500 to 1,000 Mountain View households on the same topic.

Referendum Text:

"Should the People of the City of Mountain View have a goal of 80 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 and advise the Mayor to work with the community to develop a plan for Council adoption in 2009, which sets a 10-year emissions reduction target and identifies actions by the City and residents to achieve both the 10-year target and the ultimate goal of 80 percent emissions reduction?"

Motion—M/S Karney/Potter—Carried 6-3—Henigson abstained; Martin-Bragado absent. Approve recommending that the Council place a referendum on the November 2008 ballot that mirrors the language of Berkeley's 2006 "Measure G," or if a referendum is impractical or too expensive, conduct a random survey of 500 to 1,000 Mountain View households on the same topic.

5.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS COEFFICIENTS

Steve Attinger recommended the following 2005 CO₂ emission coefficients be used when making calculations:

Gasoline: 19.564 pounds of CO₂/gallon

Diesel: 21.03 pounds of CO₂/gallon

Electricity: 0.489 pounds of CO₂/kWh

Natural Gas: 11.696 pounds of CO₂/therm

The Task Force approved using these coefficients and requested that the spreadsheet be augmented to display the equivalent numbers in metric tons of CO₂ as well.

5.4 JULY AND AUGUST SCHEDULE

The Task Force reviewed the coordination and timing of the July and August action items. Bruce Karney clarified the purpose of the July meetings. Working groups are not expected to "present" their first-draft *final* recommendations but to receive more detailed feedback from the entire Task Force on them. In order to accomplish this, working groups should ideally post their first-draft *final* recommendations to the Task Force by end-of-day on the Wednesday preceding the Monday meeting to enable the Task Force time to review the recommendations prior to Monday.

The Task Force agreed on the following schedule of working group recommendation discussions:

July 7: Communications, Transit/Transportation, Baseline

July 14: Energy, Suburban Natural Ecosystems, Land Use, Sustainable Quality of Life

July 21 Built Environment, Adaptation to Climate Change, Waste/Recycling, Water

5.5 CALCULATION METHODOLOGIES

The Task Force reviewed calculations made by the Baseline and Measurements and Land Use Planning working groups, and agreed that a

standard set of metrics should be defined and used across all groups. Steve Attinger offered to assist the working groups if they are unsure of or cannot find appropriate metrics, and then to post the agreed-upon metric(s) to the Task Force. Working groups should make their best guess in adding up all the future benefits and all the present and future costs, using a low discount rate, and document all assumptions made.

6. TASK FORCE STEERING COMMITTEE/STAFF COMMENTS, QUESTIONS AND REPORTS—None.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

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